

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1. (Previously presented): A chicken astrovirus type 2 (CAstV-2), characterised in that the virus is the CAstV deposited under accession no. I-2932 at the Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganisms (CNCM) of the Institute Pasteur, Paris, France or a CAstV-2 that is able to induce antiserum that neutralises the deposited virus.

Claims 2 – 3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended): ~~A vaccine for use in the protection of poultry against disease caused by avian astrovirus infection, characterised in that the vaccine comprises An immunogenic composition comprising~~ a CAstV-2 according to claim 1, together with a pharmaceutical pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.
5. (Currently amended): The vaccine immunogenic composition according to claim 4, characterized in that the CAstV-2 is in a live attenuated form.
6. (Currently amended): The ~~vaccine according to claims 4, characterized in that the vaccine further comprises immunogenic composition of claim 4, further comprising~~ one or more vaccine components of other pathogens infectious to poultry.

7. **(Currently amended):** The vaccine immunogenic composition according to claim 4, wherein the vaccine comprises further comprising an adjuvant.
8. (Previously presented): A method for the preparation of CAstV-2 antigen material, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is propagated in a cell culture and subsequently harvested from the cell culture.
9. **(Currently amended):** A method for the preparation of a vaccine according to claim 4, an immunogenic composition, wherein a CAstV-2 according to claim 1 is mixed with a pharmaceutical pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or a diluent.
10. **(Currently amended):** A method for the protection of raising an immune response in poultry, against disease caused by avian astrovirus, infection, comprising administering a vaccine an immunogenic composition according to claim 4 to poultry.